AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A composite component comprising:

an inner component being made at least radially outwards of a material with a first coefficient of thermal expansion; and

an outer component, which encloses the inner component radially outwards, the outer component being made at least radially inwards of a material with a second coefficient of thermal expansion, which is smaller than the first coefficient of thermal expansion, the outer component having at least one internal-diameter enlargement radially inwards, facing the inner component, and the inner component being fastened to the outer component, on the one hand by means of a press fit and, on the other hand, by means of a positive engagement which is formed by a thermally induced flow of the inner component into the internal-diameter enlargement of the outer component.

2. (Previously presented) The composite component according to Claim 1, wherein the outer component is a valve body.

3. (Previously presented) The composite component according to Claim 2, wherein the valve body has at least one of an inner valve seat and an outer valve seat.

4. (Previously presented) The composite component according to Claim 3, wherein the valve comprises a valve element which cooperates with the inner valve seat.

5. (Previously presented) The composite component according to Claim 4, wherein the valve comprises an elastic element which biases the valve element against the inner valve seat.

6. (Previously presented) The composite component according to Claim 5, wherein the inner component is a cage and the elastic element is supported, on the one hand, on the cage and, on the other hand, on the valve element.

7. (Previously presented) The composite component according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the internal-diameter enlargement is enclosed at least partially by regions with a smaller internal diameter, in order to prevent accidental loosening of the positive-engagement connection between the inner component and the outer component.

8. (Previously presented) The composite component according to claim 1, wherein the at least one internal-diameter enlargement is a locally formed or fully circumferential groove extending in the direction of the inner circumference of the outer component.

9. (Previously presented) The composite component according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the inner component and the outer component has a continuous contour in the circumferential direction.

10. (Previously presented) The composite component according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the inner component and the outer component are formed substantially cylindrically or in the shape of a ring.

11. (Previously presented) The composite component according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the inner component and the outer component has a substantially annular cross section.

12. (Previously presented) The composite component according to claim 1, wherein the inner component is arranged coaxially with respect to the outer component.